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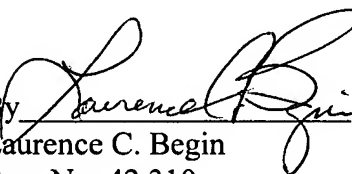
As all the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 are in English, under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), no further commentary is believed to be necessary. Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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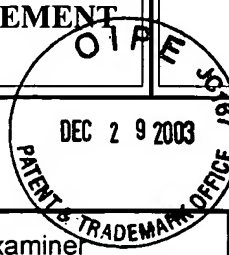
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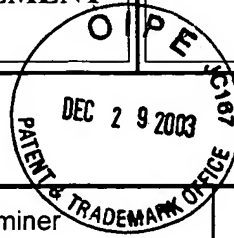
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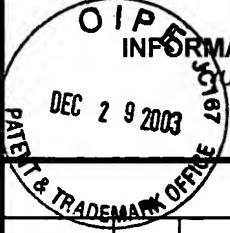
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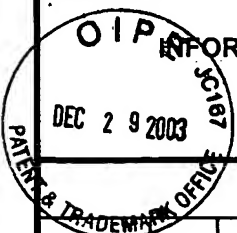
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